

# FEMA says emergency-shelter plan was misread

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Salt Lake County commissioners hit the panic button this week when an Ohio official told them the federal government is proposing to shelter government officials during a nuclear attack but leave others to fend for themselves.

They quickly wrote a scathing letter to Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Julius Becton Jr. saying the plan is immoral and a waste of money. They also complained about reports that communities might not receive funding for emergencies such as flooding if they do not participate in the new plan.

But Marvin Davis, spokesman for FEMA in Denver, told the Deseret News that county officials' fears are founded on bad media reports on

FEMA documents, and they should have checked directly with his agency before writing their letter.

He said a Washington Post story in May started a worldwide furor by what he says is incorrect reporting of a low-level FEMA paper that was in an early draft stage. That paper was one of the documents used to prepare a report released this week about the state of civil defense in various states. (Related story on A-16.)

"A working draft of that paper was given to Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., whom Davis said then gave it to the Washington Post. The senator gave it a cursory reading, if he read it at all. If he read it, he didn't understand it. Neither did the Post reporter," Davis said.

He said the report called for more emergency operation center bunkers, just like the one in the basement of the

Metropolitan Hall of Justice in Salt Lake City. They serve as central communication headquarters for governments during emergencies ranging from floods to nuclear attack.

"Proxmire took that to mean we were proposing some type of super fallout bunkers for government officials," Davis said.

Another part of the early FEMA paper reported testimony before Congress by some officials who want more volunteers to teach emergency preparedness techniques such as storing food and how to build emergency fallout bunkers, Davis said.

He said Proxmire and the Washington Post took that to mean the general population was be called on to fend for itself during nuclear attack. He said FEMA still is helping local governments prepare other alternatives such

as organized evacuation to safer areas.

Timothy F. Hagan, a Cuyahoga County commissioner in Cleveland, Ohio, read the Washington Post story and sent copies of it to 3,000 counties nationwide, asking them to adopt resolutions against what he thought was FEMA's plan to protect officials but not the general population.

Hagan's letter to Salt Lake County said, "No one in his right mind would spend public funds to promote this kind of insanity."

FEMA's Davis agrees. "We thought most people would be smart enough not to believe we would propose something like that. We thought they would at least call us to check it out." Salt Lake County officials did not make that call.

The county commissioners signed a letter this week and gave copies to the

press that said, "Building bunkers for public officials while leaving other citizens to fend for themselves is unjustifiable on the grounds of the basic moral premises of our democracy as well as being a totally indefensible use of public funds."

"We urge you (FEMA) strongly to reconsider your focus and direct your attention and funding to programs that will provide actual help instead of pursuing a plan that appears to have little in the way of rational or solid premises to support it."

Despite the problems that the Ohio commissioner's letters and the Washington Post story may cause for FEMA, Davis said, the agency actually likes the extra attention that is being focused on civil defense problems.

"Our budget next year is only \$126.5 million. That is only about 55 cents per person in the nation. We like any attention we can get," he said.



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helps make the system workable.

University of Utah law professor Ronald N. Boyce is urging a change in Utah's prosecution that would guarantee a uniform policy.

Boyce was the first speaker to appear before the task force. He gave an example of how different parts of the state emphasize different prosecution policy, and how that type of policy can affect sentences.

He used as an example the prosecution of a Uintah County man on a conviction of bigamy.

The man was placed in the same cell at the state prison with a man convicted of manslaughter.

Boyce said the bigamist was sentenced more severely than the other convict — the bigamist getting a 1-20 year sentence and the man convicted of taking a life 1-15 years.

Boyce said counties in the states are not autonomous, and every county must follow the dictates of the state's legislature.

Colorado also employs specialized investigators, similar to the unit employed by the Salt Lake County Attorney's

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Sarah S. Baxter

SPRING CITY—Sarah Isabelle Strate Baxter, age 93, passed away July 10, 1986 in a Murray care center.

Born October 1, 1892, in Spring City, a daughter of Christopher Henry and Francis Acord Strate. Married William J. Baxter, November 13, 1913, Mantle LDS Temple. He died July 26, 1975. She was a homemaker and active member of the LDS Church. She was a temple worker, served in Primary and YW-MIA. Loving mother and grandmother.

Accomplished seamstress and practical nurse. Survived by: daughter, Marie B. Strate, Salt Lake City; son, Wilbur S. Baxter, Murray; thirteen grandchildren; forty-three great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by daughter, Bernice Hansen.

Funeral services Monday, July 14th 12 noon, Spring City LDS Ward Chapel, where friends may call one hour prior to the services. Burial, Spring City Cemetery, under direction of Urtenboch Funeral Home.

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### Lily M. Bush

Thomas John Christensen, age 83, passed away July 8, 1986 in a local hospital.

He was born May 22, 1903 in Bergen, Norway to Axel Marlius and Matilda Selim Christensen. He married Mae Rebecca Williamson, June 7, 1927. She died January 18, 1985. He came to the United States with his parents in 1906, settling in Ephraim, Utah. They later moved to Salt Lake City. He became a naturalized citizen in 1936. He was an active member of the LDS Church serving in the scouting program and in the High Priest Quorum. He was employed for twenty years by the Equitable Life Assurance Society; chief accountant for the Division of Accounts and Controls for the State of Utah; later owned his own accounting firm, T. J. Christensen and Co. Later was a senior partner in the accounting firm of Elmer Fox and Co. He was listed in the "Who's Who in the West", 1967-68 and 1969-70, and in "Utah: A Centennial History". He was also a skilled amateur photographer.

He is survived by two children, Mrs. John (Joan) Peterson, Brigham City; Lyn Christensen, Salt Lake City; three grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Paul (Norma) Crawford.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, July 12, 1986, at 11:00 a.m. in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. Friends may call Saturday, July 12, 10-11 a.m. at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

## Christians



FERRON, Utah—Bernice Amelia Watson, age 89, died July 9, 1986 at her home in Ferron, Utah.

She was born March 10, 1897 in Vernal, Utah to George Albert and Bernice Gertrude Duke Thomas. She married Lawrence on December 16, 1922 in Price, Utah. He died on August 1, 1980. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Mantle LDS Temple in 1956. She was a member of the LDS Church and had served in many callings including Relief Society President and counselor, teacher and had been a faithful visiting teacher for over 50 years. She was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She loved all types of sewing and handicraft.

Survivors: son, daughters, Raymond Lawrence Watson, Salt Lake City; Kenneth Thomas Watson, Orem; Mrs. Terry (Gwen) Johnson, Emery; Donald Eugene Watson, Helper; Mrs. George (Shirley) Russom, Chama, New Mexico; Ms. Louisa Barber, Superior, Arizona; brothers, sister, Frank W. Thomas, Boyes Hot Springs, California; Sara Huntsman, Castle Dale; Homer D. (Rip) Thomas, Yountville, California; 39 grandchildren; 101 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; preceded in death by a daughter, Lilian Bernice Watson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday July 12, 1986 at 2 p.m. in the Ferron LDS Stake Center. Friends may call on the family at



## Legal Notices

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Recorder, Room 311, City and County Building, until 1:50 p.m., local prevailing time, or at the City Council Chambers, Room 301, until 2:00 p.m., local prevailing time, Wednesday, July 23, 1986 for the Westside Senior Citizens Center Landscaping, Project No. 3-K-5.

Bids will be publicly opened in Room 301, City and County Building at or about 2:00 o'clock p.m., local prevailing time, on July 23, 1986 by the City Recorder.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS: Specifications and forms for contract and bond, together with plans, may be obtained at the office of the City Engineer, Room 401, City and County Building. A \$75.00 deposit will be required for each complete set of plans and specifications. The deposit must be a certified or company check payable to Salt Lake City Corporation.

Bidders will be refunded their deposit by returning to the above office the plans and specifications in good condition, within seven (7) calendar days after bid opening, or two (2) calendar days after determination and notification of the low bidder, whichever is latest. Then if the plans and specifications are not returned, the said check shall be cashed and the amount thereof paid into the Treasury of Salt Lake City Corporation.

ATTENTION TO CONTRACTORS: On Tuesday, July 15, 1986 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Engineering Office, Room 401, City and County Building, a pre-bid meeting will be held. It is recommended that all contractors wishing to bid on this project be there. Guidelines for bidding will be explained and pertinent information concerning the guidelines from the Federal Government will be passed out at that time. Also questions pertinent to the contract, bond, plans and specifications will be discussed. Major items of work are as follows:

Clearing and Grubbing . . . . .	14,954 Sq. Ft.
Sod . . . . .	14,954 Sq. Ft.
Irrigation System . . . . .	Lump Sum

NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT: Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, and the provisions of Executive Order 11375 and 11625, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 135 as included therein. The requirements for bidders and contractors under these regulations are explained in the specifications.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, the City has developed Small, Minority, and Women Owned Business Affirmative Action Plans and the award of the contract shall be governed by the plans. Copies of these plans are included in the contract documents. There is no requirement that this contract be awarded to